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SUBJ :VORSTER STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL OF SA POLICE
FROM RHODESIA

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1. IN STATEMENT ISSUED EVENING DECEMBER 11, AFTER RHODESIAN
PM SMITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF CEASE FIRE, SAG PM VORSTER SAID
THAT SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM RHODESIA
'AS SOON AS IT IS CONFIRMED AND IT IS CLEAR THAT TERRORISM
HAS ENDED.'

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2. FULL TEXT OF VORSTER'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: WITH HIS STATEMENT, MR.SMITH AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAVE PROVED BEYOND ALL DOUBT THAT THEY ARE NOT ONLY PREPARED TO MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS THEY HAVE MANIFESTLY CONFIRMED IT.

IF NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD ARE CONDUCTED BY ALL PARTIES IN THE SAME SPIRIT, IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT SUCCESS WILL BE ACHIEVED.

THE STAGE HAS NOW BEEN REACHED WHERE IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR ALL STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE RHODESIA NOT TO INTERFERE IN THIS MATTER AND TO LEAVE IT TO THE WHITES AND BLACK PEOPLE OF RHODESIA TO FIND THE FINAL SOLUTION TO THEIR PROBLEMS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE.

TO THIS END THEY CAN DEPEND ON THE GOODWILL,SUPPORT AND BEST WISHES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ITS PEOPLE. AS SOON AS IT IS CONFIRMED AND IT IS CLEAR THAT TERRORISM HAS ENDED, SOUTH AFRICA WILL WITHDRAW ITS POLICE FROM RHODESIA BECAUSE THEN THE NECESSITY FOR THEIR PRESENCE THERE WILL HAVE FALLEN AWAY.

IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO CONVEY SOUTH AFRICA'S THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO EVERYBODY WHO CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS MAKING THE PROSPECT OF PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA A REALITY. IF PEACE HAPPENS SOUTHERN AFRICA CAN LOOK FORWARD TO AN ERA OF SECURITY,PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT. END TEXT.

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